

Senate Concurrent Resolution

No. 60

Introduced by Senator Simitian

August 16, 2005

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 60—Relative to the City of Santa Cruz.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 60, as amended, Simitian. City of Santa Cruz: “Surf City, U.S.A.”

This measure would designate the City of Santa Cruz as “Surf City, U.S.A.”

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The City of Santa Cruz, in Santa Cruz County,
2 was the site of the first surfing in California, when three
3 Hawaiian princes surfed on locally milled redwood boards at the
4 mouth of the San Lorenzo River in 1885; and

5 WHEREAS, Santa Cruz has 11 world-class surf breaks,
6 including the point breaks over rock bottoms near Steamer Lane
7 and Pleasure Point, which create some of the best surfing waves
8 in the world; and

9 WHEREAS, Santa Cruz is home to the Lighthouse Surfing
10 Museum at Steamer Lane, which continues to be staffed by
11 docents such as Harry Mayo and others from the Santa Cruz
12 Surfing Club who have surfed Santa Cruz waves since the 1930s;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Local resident Jack O’Neill invented the wet suit
15 in Santa Cruz; and

1 WHEREAS, Santa Cruz hosts several surf contests drawing
2 international participants each year, including the O’Neill Cold
3 Water Classic, the International Longboard Association contest,
4 and many others; and

5 WHEREAS, The Santa Cruz Municipal Wharf is home to the
6 annual “Woodies on the Wharf” event that brings hundreds of
7 classic surfing “woodies” from all over North America to Santa
8 Cruz each July; and

9 WHEREAS, Santa Cruz is the site of the extraordinary
10 sculpture of the California Surfer on West Cliff Drive
11 overlooking Steamer Lane; and

12 WHEREAS, Santa Cruz is home to several businesses which,
13 as early as the 1930s, have incorporated “Surf City” in their
14 names, such as Surf City Produce and Surf City Coffee; and

15 WHEREAS, Santa Cruz is well known around the world as a
16 center of a precious, but hard to define “surf culture” that reflects
17 a “laid-back” and relaxed lifestyle and culture; ~~now, therefore, be~~
18 ~~it~~ and

19 *WHEREAS, California’s surfing history is deeply interwoven*
20 *in the fabric of our rich and vibrant culture, and is reflected by*
21 *the many surfing communities located along its coastal shoreline*
22 *that cumulatively contribute to the invaluable preservation and*
23 *celebration of California’s surfing tradition; now, therefore, be it*

24 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
25 *thereof concurring, That the Legislature of the State of California*
26 *hereby designates the City of Santa Cruz as “Surf City USA”;*
27 *and be it further*

28 *Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of*
29 *this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.*